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INFRASTRUCTURE IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the textile industry is facing weak infrastructure by hindering the growing market as compared to countries like China;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken in this regard;

(d) the present employment figure in textile sector; and

(e) the details of incentives given to textile workers?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (c) : Yes, Sir. The Government is aware that infrastructural constraints are a major impediment to the growth of textiles industry in India. The Government, to neutralize the weakness of fragmentation of various sub-sectors of the textiles and non-availability of quality infrastructure, launched the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP) in 2005 to strengthen infrastructural facilities in potential growth areas by merging the then existing schemes, viz., the Apparel Parks for Exports Scheme (APES) and the Textiles Centres Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS).

(d): As on March 31, 2006, the total employment in textiles sector was about 88.02 million.

(e): Textiles activity is mainly concentrated in the decentralised and private sectors. As such, Government does not provide any incentive to textiles workers. However, various welfare and relief schemes are being implemented in the organized and decentralised sub-sectors.